



Conserving the Stories of Historic Places: Lessons from the Shetland Islands and Newfoundland and Labrador

A one-day workshop on intangible cultural heritage and oral history

Presented by the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador

Friday, November 9, 2007 – Masonic Temple, Cathedral Street, St. John's

*Morning (9:30am-noon): Saving Stories and Building Trowie Knowes
- Davy Cooper*

Folklorist, author, heritage conservationist and storyteller Davy Cooper will present on the Shetland Amenity Trust, what they do, innovative projects and best practices. Davy will discuss the role of voluntary organizations in the field of heritage work in rural communities, with specific examples from the Shetland Islands, and highlight intangible cultural heritage and the use of regional dialect and folklore. Workshop participants will break out into groups and identify themes for local projects incorporating intangible culture, storytelling, folklore, and oral history collections.

The Shetland Amenity Trust is a charitable trust to conserve and enhance Shetland's heritage. The Trust's aims are to protect, improve and enhance buildings and artefacts of architectural, historical, educational or of other interest in Shetland; and to provide and improve facilities for the enjoyment of the Shetland countryside and its flora and fauna, for research study and recreation.

*Afternoon (1pm-3:30pm): Collecting, Archiving, and Using Local Stories
- Anita Best & Chris Brookes*

Archivist, folklorist, teacher, singer and storyteller Anita Best was the host and writer of a local CBC radio series, A Little Ball of Yarn, which celebrated storytelling, and for years she ran a local concert series combining music, readings, recitations and storytelling. She is preparing the stories of her father-in-law Pius Power Sr., an acclaimed storyteller from Placentia Bay, for publication.

Chris Brookes is an award-winning independent radio producer who has taught radio storytelling at festivals and workshops across North America and Europe. Most recently, Chris produced "Great Circle: The Viking Discovery of the Americas," an award-winning historical documentary which is an ideal audio companion for travellers driving the Viking Trail.

To register: Contact Lara Maynard at outreach@heritagefoundation.ca or 709-739-6592 ext 5 / 1-866-739-6592 ext 5. DEADLINE: Noon, Wed., Oct. 6, 2007.

This is a **FREE** workshop. Limited travel/mileage funding may be available for registrants coming from out of town. Inquire at contact info above.



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